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In this issue of the *Newsletter*, we provide timely updates on subjects that may affect healthcare in Louisiana. For more information, visit our website at www.lsbme.la.gov.

We welcome your feedback. Please contact feedback@lsbme.la.gov.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Effective January 9, 2017, I accepted the position of interim Executive Director, replacing Eric Torres. A search for a new Executive Director is in place. As a former LSBME member and Board President, I am pleased to serve the LSBME in this capacity.

As always, this last year was an active one at the LSBME. Rule changes were adopted and promulgated for Clinical Laboratory Personnel, Physician Assistants, Licensed Midwives, Podiatrists, and Physicians. In addition, rules regarding Marijuana for Therapeutic Use were noticed for Intent to Adopt in October, and adopted in February of this year. Further discussion of this is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

In 2016, the Board issued advisory opinions on various issues, from the Off-Label Use of Ketamine, Nitrous Oxide in Office-Based Settings, Registered Nurse Assistance in Performance of Regional Blocks, and various issues pertaining to podiatry practice. Our online Board orientation courses for various licensee groups continue to offer new licensees an improved understanding of the rules that govern their practices and the role of the Board. Most recently, the Board Orientation for Physicians course became available online.

I am pleased to offer any assistance to the people of Louisiana and to healthcare practitioners and providers.

Keith C. Ferdinand, MD
Interim Executive Director

TECH CORNER – UPDATES FROM IT

The IT department would like all physicians to know that effective December 2016, the Board is processing all initial physician licenses (MD and DO) via the new online Initial Application portal. Over the next year, all other disciplines will be able to apply for initial licenses through the online portal as well. IT also reports that in the last year, **95% of all renewals** for healthcare providers licensed by the Board were successfully performed online. The new system is working well; the Board appreciates our licensees' patience as we implement this vital initiative.



LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT THE BOARD

The LSBME has two new members, Joseph K. Howell, MD and Daniel K. Winstead, MD. Dr. Howell is a New Orleans native who has practiced gastroenterology in Baton Rouge for many years. Dr. Winstead is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio and most recently served for many years as the Chair of the Psychiatry Department at Tulane University School of Medicine. Drs. Howell and Winstead are replacing outgoing Board President, John Michael Burdine, MD and Joseph D. Busby, Jr., MD. The Board warmly thanks Drs. Burdine and Busby for their dedicated service to the Louisiana public and the medical community.

With the change in Board membership, we are proud to announce our new officers: Kenneth Barton Farris MD, President; Christy L. Valentine, MD, Vice-President; and Roderick V. Clark, MD, Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW CE PROCEDURES DURING RENEWAL

The LSBME would like to ensure that our licensees are aware of some minor changes to our policies and procedures that pertain to CME for physicians and CEUs for other licensees. Previously, the Board required licensees to submit proof of their continuing education hours or credits upon renewal each year. As of now, proof of continuing education is no longer necessary at the time of renewal.

All licensees are required to maintain evidence of their continuing education in their personal files **for up to 5 years, in case of random audits**. Annually, a computer algorithm operating in conjunction with our new database will randomly select 3% of licensees from each category to be audited. A licensee who is randomly selected for an audit will receive a letter from the renewals department requesting proof of completion of the credits required for his/her profession in the **12 months prior to the date of the last renewal**. For example, someone who last renewed in November 2016 and is selected for a CE audit must submit documentation of all CE activities beginning November 2015 through November 2016. The documentation **must be submitted to the Board within 30 days of the date on the letter**.

If the licensee is not in compliance, s/he will receive a letter stating the number of hours for which s/he is deficient. The licensee will then have **90 days** to complete **double the number of hours that were deficient in the audit**. If the licensee does not comply at this point, his/her license will be subject to a disciplinary action.

Questions regarding this policy may be addressed to the renewals department at the following email: renewals@lsbme.la.gov.



FDA WARNS PRESCRIBERS RE CONCOMITANT PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOIDS AND BENZODIAZEPINES

The FDA issued a drug safety communication in August 2016, cautioning prescribers who concomitantly prescribe opioids and benzodiazepines to patients. Because both drug classes depress the central nervous system (CNS), patients and caregivers must be aware of the possibility of respiratory depression and profound sedation that can lead to coma or death.

Physicians and other prescribers are cautioned that **if they must prescribe medications from both classes of drug or other CNS depressants, the following measures are advised:**

- Reserve concomitant prescribing for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate
- For a patient already taking an opioid, prescribe a lower initial dose of the benzodiazepine or other CNS depressant, and titrate based on clinical response
- For a patient already taking a benzodiazepine or other CNS depressant, prescribe a lower initial dose of the opioid, and titrate based on clinical response
- Monitor patients closely for respiratory depression and sedation, and advise patients and caregivers of potential symptoms/behavior
- Advise patients not to drive or operate heavy machinery until they are sure the effects of concomitant prescribing have been determined
- Report adverse drug events to Medwatch by contacting the FDA at <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/ContactFDA/default.htm> or by calling 800-332-1088

This information is a summary of a larger statement that can be found at:

www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm518473.htm

MARIJUANA FOR THERAPEUTIC USE

The Board is moving forward in our efforts to comply with the wishes of the legislature as expressed in Act 261 in 2015 and Act 96 in 2016 to allow for the physician recommendation of marijuana for therapeutic use to Louisiana patients. To that end, we have noticed and amended rules (Chapter 77) to create this process. If you would like to offer this therapy to your patients, we encourage all physicians to familiarize themselves with the law and rules, available on our website. Please note that the law establishes a small number of very specific qualifying or debilitating conditions for which a pharmaceutically controlled product containing a cannabis derivative may be recommended. Physicians, who wish to recommend this must obtain a special registration from the board, obtain a criminal background check and successfully pass an online rules course. They must also obtain a CDS Schedule 1 authority from the LA Board of Pharmacy.

The application materials and rules course are on our website. Interested physicians are encouraged to check the licensure webpage for information and updates. We have been told that product may become available in official dispensaries around the state as early as January 1, 2018.

Active Licensees by Category, 2016 (new licensees)	Total
Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist	14 (3)
Licensed Acupuncturists	47 (7)
Physician Acupuncturists	20 (3)
Athletic Trainers	504 (81)
Clinical Exercise Physiologists	58 (2)
Clinical Laboratory Personnel	5,514 (723)
Medical Psychologists	91 (9)
Licensed Midwives	21 (2)
Occupational Therapy/Assistants	2,690 (231)
Perfusionists	96 (9)
Physicians (MD/DO)	17,179 (942)
Physician Assistants	1,091 (122)
Doctors of Podiatry	186 (7)
Polysomnography/Technicians	193 (20)
Private Radiological Technologists	7 (0)
Licensed Respiratory Therapists	3,495 (160)
Total	31,208 (2,321)

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED - KEITH FERDINAND, MD -

Long time LSBME member from 1990-2006 and Board president 1996-1998 Keith C. Ferdinand has accepted the position of interim Executive Director. Dr. Ferdinand is a Professor of Medicine at Tulane School of Medicine in New Orleans. A New Orleans native, he received his B.A. in biology at the University of New Orleans (UNO) before relocating to Washington D.C., for his medical studies at Howard University. After receiving his MD from Howard University in 1976, Dr. Ferdinand completed his medical training with an internship in internal medicine at Louisiana State University (LSU), and fellowships in cardiology at LSU and Howard University.

Dr. Ferdinand has board certifications in internal medicine as well as the subspecialty of cardiovascular diseases. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Nuclear Cardiology. He has published numerous scholarly articles from research studies and other efforts, given many national and informal presentations, and served on editorial boards of journals in the fields of medicine, cardiology and public health. Dr. Ferdinand has a long history of public service in and out of medicine. The Board greatly appreciates his service to the citizens of Louisiana.

PHYSICIAN BOARD ORIENTATION COURSE ONLINE

Effective January 2017, physicians renewing licensure for the first time, and physicians moving to Louisiana from another state may take the Board Orientation course online. Previously most physicians renewing for the first time or obtaining Louisiana licensure with fewer than 10 years since graduation were required to attend a board orientation course in person. The new online

course covers the same information but also requires course participants to successfully complete quizzes pertaining to the Board's rules on safe prescribing, unprofessional conduct and other issues. The online option became available in November in lieu of an in person course and has been very well received. As of February 2017, 181 physicians have completed the board orientation online. The Board will continue to offer physicians the option to take the course in person once a year. This year's orientation course will take place on May 19. For further information, please contact licensing at licensing@lsbme.la.gov.

BOARD PUBLISHES STUDY RESULTS ON PHYSICIAN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Staff and others recently published a retrospective study on physicians sanctioned by the LSMBE over a 20-year period. **Training Matters: A retrospective study of Physician Disciplinary Actions by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 1990-2010** was published in the *Journal of Medical Regulation*, a scholarly journal published by the Federation of State Medical Boards (see: Allen SH. Marier RL. Mouton C. Shankar A. "Training Matters: A Retrospective Study of Physician Disciplinary Actions by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 1990-2010." *Journal of Medical Regulation*, Vol. 102, No. 4: 7-16, 2016.)

In addition to the article's publication, Susie Allen, DrPH, MBA and Cecilia Mouton, MD presented the key findings at a webinar hosted by the FSMB on December 6, 2016. According to the study, physicians who never achieved Board Certification status were more than 4 times likely to be sanctioned, while physicians who completed an internship but not a full residency of at least 3 years were more than two and one half times more likely to be sanctioned than those with more training.

LOUISIANA MEDICAID ANNOUNCES NEW OPIOID PRESCRIBING POLICIES

Louisiana Medicaid has developed new policies pertaining to the prescribing of opioid analgesics. These policies become effective on different dates in 2017 but restrict dosages through Morphine Equivalent Dosage (MED) and impose 15-day quantity limits on certain types of patients. ***Patients with cancer, palliative care or terminal illness are excluded from the opioid limits.*** For more details please go to "For the practitioner" on our website, then to "Healthcare Resources for the Practitioner" to see the FAQ document from Louisiana Medicaid.

Rules – Adopted and Promulgated in 2016**Clinical laboratory Personnel (February)**

CLP Rules were amended to reduce the term of a temporary permit from six months to three months.

Physician Assistants (May)

Notice of amendments to the Board's Rules governing physician assistants was published in the May issue of the Louisiana Register, were promulgated in the January 2017 Edition of the Register. The amendments eliminate the need for a supervising physician (SP) to countersign all records documenting the activities, functions, services and treatment measures prescribed or delivered to patients by a physician assistant (PA). In lieu of countersigning, the amendments charge the SP and PA with developing a performance plan to insure that medical services delegated by the SP are performed with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Flexibility is provided in plan development, which must include some chart review and any other items that the SP and PA deem appropriate. Increased chart review is required in some instances. Records regarding the plan must be maintained and made available to the board upon request.

Midwifery (August)

The Board's midwifery rules were amended to conform them to various changes to the Louisiana Midwife Practitioners Act, update the rules generally for consistency with current standards and make other substantive and technical modifications consistent with or made necessary by the passage of time and current practices. Among many others, amendments were made to the effect that a licensed midwife be permitted to continue providing prenatal care to a woman with one prior cesarean section provided arrangements have been made with a physician and documented in the midwife's chart for a planned hospital delivery at the onset of labor.

Podiatry - Eligibility for Advanced Practice (September)

Rules were amended to remove the requirement of board certification or eligibility for an applicant for advanced practice who has completed a three year podiatry medical surgical residency training (PM&S 36) program.

Physicians - Medications Used in the treatment of Obesity (December)

Notice of adoption and promulgation of amendments to the obesity rules that would permit the prescribing of the individual ingredients of any non-controlled drug

approved by the USFDA in the treatment of exogenous obesity.

Podiatry - Histories and Physicals (December)

Amendment to the Board's Podiatry Rules created 1307.G permitting podiatrists certified for advanced practice to perform an updated history and Physical (H and P) as part of a pre-operative evaluation if a physician or advanced practice nurse has performed an (H & P) on the patient within 30 days and the procedure is taking place in an hospital or ambulatory surgical center where the podiatrist's credentials have been approved by the hospital or medical staff, and the updated examination and history are directly related to the podiatry procedure that will be performed.

Rules noticed for Intent to Adopt**Physician Practice – Marijuana for Therapeutic Use (October)**

Amendments to the law by Act 96 of the 2016 Session of the Louisiana Legislature necessitated certain changes to the Board's rules. The terminology of the act of ordering Medical Marijuana was changed from prescription to recommend. The category of eligible disease and conditions was changed to "a debilitating medical condition" and the number of eligible diseases was expanded from three to 10. Certain exceptions to the rules were enacted in the event of related drug approvals by the USFDA.

Physician Practice – Telemedicine (October)

Amendments to the law by Acts 630 and 252 of the 2016 Session of the Louisiana Legislature necessitated certain changes to the Board's rules. The amendments modify certain definitions, remove the requirement that a physician practicing by telemedicine maintain a physical practice location in this state or have an arrangement with physician who does, authorize the use of telemedicine by interactive audio without the need for video if certain conditions are met, and delete the requirement for at least one in-person visit within the past year prior to prescribing controlled substances for patients being treated in a healthcare facility required to be licensed by this state, which possesses a current registration with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The amendments also maintain the requirement that a physician be capable of referring a patient to another physician in this state or arrange for follow-up care within the state if indicated, and better provide for Board access to patient records. The amendments clarify the status of a telemedicine permit, and provide for documentation of telemedicine encounters.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE LAST NEWSLETTER THE LISTED ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINARY ORDERS HAVE BEEN ENTERED BY THE BOARD. THE CHARGES NOTED ARE THE PRINCIPAL STATUTORY CAUSES CITED IN THE INSTITUTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS OR IN THE CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATIONS BUT DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE FINDINGS BY THE BOARD OR ADMISSIONS BY RESPONDENT AS TO THE RESPONDENT'S CULPABILITY OF SUCH CHARGES. PUBLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MAY PREVENT INDICATION HERE AS TO PETITIONS FOR REHEARING OR PROCEEDINGS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PENDING AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION BUT INITIATED AFTER OUR PUBLICATION DEADLINES.

THE FINAL DECISIONS, CONSENT AND OTHER ORDERS REPORTED IN THIS ISSUE INCLUDE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE BOARD SINCE THE LAST ISSUE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2017. ORDERS AND RULINGS ENTERED AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE REPORTED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Theresa Cobb Adderley, M.D., Chalmette, No. 15-I-224. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(1), (2) and (11). *Disposition*- Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License accepted February 15, 2016. Physician voluntarily surrendered her license practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Iqbal Ahmad, M.D., Baton Rouge, No. 15-I-894. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1285A (13), (18), (14), (6), (30). *Disposition* – Reprimand Consent Order entered on January 9, 2017. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on ethics and professionalism and payment of probation monitoring fee.

Robert Ancira, M.D., New Orleans, No. 15-I-867. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A (6), (14) and (30). *Disposition*- Consent Order for Reprimand entered October 1, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on medical ethics and professionalism and payment of administrative fine.

Rokeisha Lanai Barrios, CLP, New Orleans, No. 16-A-002. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1326A(1) and (2). *Disposition*- Decision and Order rendered June 13, 2016. Clinical Laboratory Assistant application denied.

Talaya Nicole Battiste, CLP, Baker, No. 14-A-009. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1318A(1), 37:1326A(1) and (6). *Disposition*- Decision and Order

rendered March 14 2016. Clinical Laboratory Assistant application denied.

Gabriel Beadle, PA, Morgan City, No. 15-I-33. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1360.33, LAC46:XLV4506.C.3 and 4513.A. *Disposition*- Consent Order entered August 15, 2016. Physician Assistant's license placed on probation for six (6) months, subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, review and co-signature of supervising physician on seventy-five percent (75%) of patient charts, reports to the Board, notice of order to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer, demonstration of understanding of Board's rules respecting physician assistants, completion of continuing medical education, payment of probation monitoring fee and administrative fine.

Roy E. Berkowitz, M.D., Slidell, No. 14-I-787. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(1), (2) and (11). *Disposition*- Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License accepted January 11, 2016. Physician voluntarily surrendered his license practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Robert Dale Bernauer, M.D., Chalmette, No. 16-I-118. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(6), (13), (14), (19) and (30). *Disposition*- Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License accepted December 5, 2016. Physician voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

Theresa Ann Cain, OT, Leesville, No. 15-I-833. *Charges*— R.S. 37:3011(A), LAC 46:XLV.4921.B(7), (17) and (18). *Disposition*- Interim Consent Order entered April 11, 2016. Occupational therapy license suspended indefinitely.

Shannon Christopher Ceasar, M.D., New Orleans, No. 16-I-626. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(13), (14), (19) and (30). *Disposition*- Order for Summary Suspension of Medical License entered August 30, 2016. Physician's license summarily suspended.

Keisha Lynn Chaudoir, CLP-LAB, New Iberia, No. 17-I-038. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1318, 1326; LAC 46:XLV:3505. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License with Reprimand entered on February 13, 2017. Laboratory Assistant officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, payment of administrative fine.

Carlos Manuel Choucino, M.D., Lake Charles, No. 15-I-149. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (11), (13) and (18). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reprimand entered on January 9, 2017. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to

terms and conditions, completion of course on professionalism or medical ethics, Board approved, non-compensated community service, and payment of administrative fine.

Scott G. Conklin, M.D., Arabi, No. 16-I-007. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (6) and (30); LAC 46:XLV.6901. *Disposition* – Reprimand Consent Order entered on January 9, 2017. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of courses on prescribing of controlled dangerous substances and payment of administrative fine.

Martha L. Coppage-Hoover, M.D., New Iberia, No. 15-A-008. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(6), (13), (26), (30), R.S. 37:1278A, LAC46:XLV.7603A(3a) (10) and 365.B. *Disposition*- Decision and Order rendered April 11, 2016. Physician's license suspended indefinitely subject to compliance with conditions for reinstatement. By Consent Order for Reinstatement dated September 23, 2016, physician's license reinstated on probation for one (1) year, subject to terms, conditions and restrictions, reports to the Board, pre-approval of practice location, practice monitoring, prohibition on the treatment of self/family members, completion of course on proper prescribing of controlled substances, payment of administrative fine and probation monitoring fee.

John Gibson Fasick II, DPM, New Orleans, No. 16-I-290. *Charges*— R.S. 37:624(5), (15), (19) and (27). *Disposition*- Interim Consent Order dated May 9, 2016. Podiatrist's license suspended indefinitely, subject to compliance with terms and conditions for reinstatement.

Arnold Erwin Feldman, M.D., Baton Rouge, No. 14-A-004. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A (4), (6), (11), (13), (14) and (18). *Disposition* – Decision and Order rendered August 15, 2016. Physician's license suspended for a period of two (2) years, subject to compliance of terms and conditions for reinstatement on probation for three (3) years; approval of practice setting; prohibition on the prescription dispensation and administration of, Schedule II-IV controlled substances, prohibition on the prescription of controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain, ownership interest in or association with any clinic or practice which renders such care and/or treatment, prohibition on collaboration with or supervision of mid-level practitioner; completion of continuing medical education; notification of the Board to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer; payment of administrative fine and probation monitoring fee.

Pramela R. Ganji, M.D., Harahan, No. 15-I-486. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (1), (2), and (11). Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License accepted January 9,

2016. Physician voluntarily surrendered her license practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

JEFFREY LEE GIDDENS, M.D., Shreveport, No. 15-I-936. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A (5) and (25). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered March 14, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for a period of three (3) years, subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, maintenance of complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, subject to execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health, prohibition on collaboration or supervision of mid-level practitioner, completion of continuing medical education, and payment of probation monitoring fee.

LIGUO GONG, CLP, New Orleans, No. 16-I-430. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1318281326, LAC 46XLV:3505. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License with Reprimand entered June 13, 2016. Specialist officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, and payment of administrative fine.

MAURICE JEAN GERMILLION, M.D., Ferriday, 15-A-004. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A(5), (6), (13), (25), (30), R.S. 37:1278A and LAC46XLV.6505, 6507, 6907. *Disposition*- Decision and Order rendered January 11, 2016. Physician's license suspended indefinitely subject to compliance with various conditions for reinstatement; pending motion for reconsideration physician retired.

KEISHA LYNN CHAUDOIR, CLP-LAB, New Iberia, No. 17-I-038. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1318, 1326; LAC 46XLV:3505. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License with Reprimand entered on February 13, 2017. Laboratory Assistant officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, payment of administrative fine.

CARLOS MANUEL CHOUCINO, M.D., Lake Charles, No. 15-I-149. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (11), (13) and (18). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reprimand entered on January 9, 2017. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on professionalism or medical ethics, Board approved, non-compensated community service, and payment of administrative fine.

SCOTT G. CONKLIN, M.D., Arabi, No. 16-I-007. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (6) and (30); LAC 46:XLV.6901. *Disposition* – Reprimand Consent Order entered on January 9, 2017. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of courses on prescribing of controlled dangerous substances and payment of administrative fine.

SHAWN P. GRANGER, M.D., Leesville, No. 15-I-689. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1285A (6). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reprimand enter on October 10, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and

subject to completion of course on proper prescribing and payment of administrative fine.

BARBARA ELLEN HAINSWORTH, M.D., New Orleans, No. 15-I-960. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (25). *Disposition* – Interim Consent Order entered on March 14, 2016. Physician's license suspended indefinitely.

NATALIA BETH HANNAN, M.D., Slidell, No. 13-I-246. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1285A (5), (25) and (30). *Disposition* – Superseding Consent Order for Reinstatement of Medical License on Probation entered on May 9, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for three (3) years, subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, maintenance of abstinence from mood-altering substances, execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health Program, prohibition on the treatment of non-cancer related chronic pain or obesity with controlled substances, approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board order, completion of continuing medical education, and payment of probation monitoring fee.

ROGER D. HECTOR, M.D., Baton Rouge, No.14-I-530. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (13) and (14). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on February 15, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on medical ethics, professionalism and proper prescribing and payment of administrative fine.

JAMES E. HINES, III, M.D., Baton Rouge, No.14-I-413. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (13) and (6). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reprimand entered January 11, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on medical ethics and professionalism and payment of administrative fine.

TODD PATRICK HOWELL, M.D., Baton Rouge, No. 15-I-299, *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A(14). *Disposition* – Consent Order rendered August 15, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for one (1) year, subject to compliance with terms, conditions or restrictions, including compliance with endocrinology and metabolism guidelines, quarterly reporting by practice monitor, completing of continuing medical education and payment of administrative fine.

JOHN ERIC HUGHES, RT., New Orleans, No. 16-I-191. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3358A (7). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License on Probation entered on August 15, 2016. Respiratory Therapist's license placed on probation for (3) three years, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, enrollment in the Board's Allied Professionals Health Programs, periodic, unannounced drug screens, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol or mood-altering substances, pre-

approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic facility or other employer or prospective employer, completion of course on ethics and professionalism, and payment of probation monitoring fee.

JOSHUA DARNELL JACKSON, ATH, Baton Rouge, No. 15-I-1023. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3303. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License on Probation entered on February 15, 2016. License issued on probation for (1) year, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, approval of practice setting, notification to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer and payment of probation monitoring fee.

TIMOTHY THOMAS JOHNSON, CLS-GEN, Shreveport, No. 15-I-1063. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1326A (2). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License on Probation entered on April 11, 2016. License issued on probation for three (3) years, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, enrollment in the Board's Allied Professionals Health Program, periodic, unannounced drug screens, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol and any controlled or mood-altering substances, pre-approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer and payment of probation monitoring fee.

WILLIAM FREDERICK KORTUM, M.D., Lafayette, No. 15-I-880. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A(13). *Disposition* –Consent order for Reprimand entered March 14, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, and payment of administrative fine.

BROOKE ASHLEY LEGROS, POLY, Abbeville, No. 15-I-1062. *Charges* – R.S. 37:2867,2870. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of Polysomnographic Technologist License with Official Reprimand entered April 11, 2016. Licensee officially reprimanded and payment of administrative fine.

IRA PINCUS MARKOWITZ, M.D., New Orleans, No.15-I-1020. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A(5), (6), and (25). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on October 10, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for a period of (3) years, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, supervised by another physician who is qualified and credentialed to perform the Limited Procedures, Limitations on Surgical Practice, subject to execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health program, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, completion of continuing medical education, notification to hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board Order and payment of probation monitoring fee.

CHARLES CALLEN MARY, III, M.D., New Orleans, No.14-I-572. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (12), (14) and (30). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on January 11, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for (5) years, subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, subject to execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health Program, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, completion of continuing medical education, notification to hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board order, completion of course on ethics, professionalism and medical record keeping and payment of probation monitoring fee.

KIMBERLY AUSTEN MCCONKEY, LRT, Zachary, NO. 16-I-870. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3358A(19) and LAC 46XLV.2536. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License on Probation entered December 5, 2016. License issued on probation for a minimum of one (1) year, subject to terms and conditions, board approval of medical practice, notification of order to each hospital, clinic, facility, physician or other employer or prospective employer and payment of probation monitoring fee.

JAMES FREDERICK MCGUCKIN, JR, MD, Philadelphia, No. 15-1-947. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (12) and (29). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reprimand entered July 18, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to compliance with an Agreed Order entered by the Washington Medical Board, prohibition against the performance of specified procedures and payment of administrative fine.

ANDRE TREMEASE MONROE, POLY TECH, Opelousas, No. 16-I-817. *Charges* – R.S. 37:2867, 2870. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of Polysomnographic Technician Permit with Official Reprimand. Polysomnographic Technician officially reprimanded and ordered to pay an administrative fine.

WINSTON LLOYD MURRAY, JR., MD, Hammond, No. 14-I-784. *Charges* – 37:1285A (1), (2) and (11). *Disposition* – Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License accepted May 9, 2016. Physician voluntarily surrendered his license practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

GENE JOSEPH NEAL, JR., LRT, Mandeville, No. 12-I-1129. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3358A (7) and (15). *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reinstatement of License on Probation entered on February 15, 2016. Respiratory Therapist license was reinstated on probation for (3) years, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, enrollment in the Board's Allied Professionals Health Program, periodic, unannounced drug screens, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol and any controlled or mood-altering substances, pre-approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or

prospective employer, completion of continuing medical education and payment of probation monitoring fee.

NEIL ANTHONY-SMITH NIXDORFF, MD., Metairie, No.15-I-775. *Charges* – R.S. 37:185A (13), (18), (14), (6) and (30). *Disposition* – Consent Order Reprimand entered October 10, 2016. Physician officially reprimanded and subject to terms and conditions, completion of course on ethics and professionalism and payment of administrative fine.

BENJAMIN J. PALOMBO, M.D., Pineville, No. 15-I-812. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (5) and (25). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on April 11, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for (3) years, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, subject to execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health Program, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, non-treatment of self and family members, approval of practice setting, completion of course on medical boundaries, professionalism and medical ethics, completing of continuing medical education, notification to hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board order and payment of probation monitoring fee.

RAVISH VINAY PATWARDHAN, M.D., Shreveport, No. 12-A-006. *Charges*— R.S. 37:1285A (12), (13), (14), (17) and (18). *Disposition* – Decision and Order rendered October 26, 2016. Physician's license revoked.

LESTER J. PRATS, JR., M.D., New Orleans, No. 15-I-384. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (5) and (25). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on February 15, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for (1) year, subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, subject to execution of monitoring agreement with Physician's Health Program, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, periodic, unannounced drug screens, prohibition on collaboration and supervision of mid-level provider, completion of continuing medical education, notification to hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board order and payment of probation monitoring fee.

CATHLEEN J. REARICK, CLP-LAB, Harvey, No. 15-I-942. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1318, 1326; LAC 46XLV:3505. *Disposition* – Consent order for Issuance of License with Reprimand entered on January 11, 2016. Licensee officially reprimanded and ordered to pay an administrative fine.

JOSE A. SILVA, M.D., Slidell, No. 15-I-1010. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (5) and (25). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on May 9, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for (1) year, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances, execution of monitoring

agreement with Physician's Health Program, completion of continuing medical education, notification to hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer of Board order and payment of probation monitoring fee.

ANDREW LAWRENCE SUPREAN, JR., LRT, Slidell, No. 16-I-459. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3360A, R.S. 37:3358(19), LAC46XLV:5505A and 5519A. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Reinstatement of License with Reprimand entered on August 15, 2016. Respiratory Therapist officially reprimanded and ordered to pay an administrative fine.

ASHWIN BACHUBHAI SURA, M.D., Baton Rouge, No. 14-I-809. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A(6) and (14). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered October 10, 2016. Physician's license placed on probation for (1) year, subject to compliance with probationary terms and conditions, practice monitoring and reports to the Board, completion of course on proper prescribing, certification of compliance with probationary terms, payment of administrative fine and probation monitoring fee.

JOHN ALAN TEAL, M.P., MS, No.2015-I-1039. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1360.67A (1), (2) and (15). *Disposition* – Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical Psychology License accepted December 5, 2016. Medical Psychologist voluntarily surrendered his license practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

KRYSTLE RENEE WEATHERS, LRT, Ringgold, No. 16-I-882. *Charges* – R.S. 37:3358A (19), LAC46XLV.2536. *Disposition* – Consent Order for Issuance of License on Probation entered on December 5, 2016. Respiratory Therapist license issued on probation for a minimum of (1) year, subject to compliance with terms and conditions, pre-approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer, completion of continuing medical education and payment of probation monitoring fee.

JUANITA ANDERSON WEBB, CLP – TCH, Baton Rouge, No. 14-I-830. *Charges* – R. S. 37:1326A(6). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on April 11, 2016. Licensee placed on probation for a minimum of (1) year subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions, pre-approval of practice setting, notification to each supervising physician, hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer, maintenance of abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substances and payment of probation monitoring fee.

REGINALD ANTONIO WILLIAMS, M.D., Georgia, No. 14-I-269. *Charges* – R.S. 37:1285A (13) and (14). *Disposition* – Consent Order entered on August 15, 2016. Physician will notify the Board at least sixty (60) days in advance of intention to engage in the practice of medicine in Louisiana and submit to any evaluation or other terms required by the Board.



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